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Ms. Margaret Schonbeck
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and Environment
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4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, Colorado 80246-1530

Dear Margaret:

EPA Region 8 fully supports the "Soil Pica, Soil Ingestion and Health Outcome Investigation for the Vasquez Boulevard/ Interstate 70 (VB/I-70) Site" that will be conducted by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) during the summer of 2002. I understand that although the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry provided the funds to CDPHE to conduct the study, the funds are not sufficient to cover the cost of chemical analysis of the biological samples that will be collected as part of the study.

I am writing to confirm that EPA agrees to provide the needed chemical analysis of blood and urine samples to support the study. As you know, EPA requires that a written plan be developed which specifies objectives and quality assurance requirements for any analytical work which may be used in EPA decisions. Since the results of your study may be used by EPA in future decisions at the VB/I-70 Site, EPA is also prepared to develop the required Sampling and Analysis Plan to support the needed analytical work.

I look forward to working with you on this important study. If you have any questions, please call me at (303) 312-6579.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bonnie Lavelle".

Bonnie Lavelle
Remedial Project Manager



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